Introduced by: Councilmember Seamens

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CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE 2007-36
AMENDING CHAPTER 5.24 OF THE *TAKOMA PARK CODE* TO DECREASE THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections was established to plan and conduct City elections, encourage voter registration, conduct voter education, review election laws and procedures and recommend amendments to improve the conduct of elections, recommend election judges for appointment, and perform other duties as assigned by Charter, ordinances and resolutions, and direction of the Council; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 5.24, Section 5.24.010 sets the number of members of the Board of Elections as "at least four but no more than seven" members; and

WHEREAS, at present there are three individuals who have volunteered to serve; and

WHEREAS, planning for the 2007 election is already underway; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it would be beneficial to the election process to have the Board of Elections in place as soon as possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT:

Section 1.   Chapter 5.24, Section 5.24.010, be amended as follows:

5.24.010   Establishment of Board of Elections

The City of Takoma Park Board of Elections is established. The Board of Elections shall **[be composed]** ~~consist~~ of ~~at least four~~ ~~three~~ ~~but no more than~~ **[up to]** seven members who shall be appointed by the Council. The Council shall make every effort to ensure that the Board of Elections includes representatives from each Council ward.

Section 2.   This ordinance shall be effective immediately.

Adopted this 2nd day of July, 2007 by roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: Porter, Austin-Lane, Barry, Clay, Seamens, Snipper, Williams

NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

EXPLANATORY NOTE
Additions to the existing language of the Takoma Park Code are indicated by <mark>highlighting and underlining.</mark>
Deletions from the existing language are indicated by ~~strikeout~~.
Deletions to the ordinance since first reading are shown by ~~double underline and strikeout~~.
Additions since first reading are shown in bold and brackets.